

The Christ Church News



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Our value this term is: **Thankfulness**

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RESPECT **COMPASSION** **PERSEVERANCE** **CREATIVITY** **FRIENDSHIP**

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a glorious week of weather! Key stage 2 visited Gloucester Rugby this week – what a wonderful trip just on our doorstep. Thanks to Miss Greenwood for organising this.

We are looking forward to the Prince of Wales athletics tonight. Good luck to all taking part and thank you to the staff supporting them.

After my reminder about a raincoat last week...a reminder to bring a named water bottle and apply suncream before school please.

Best wishes

Mrs Pope

Diary Dates Summer Term 2025

Date	Event
25 th June	Whole school trip - Cattle Country (Children to wear weather appropriate clothing and suitable footwear)
27 th June	School disco Infants 4.45-5.45pm. Juniors 6.00-7.00pm
1 st July	9am EYFS service
2 nd July	Move up morning – children meet new teachers
5 th July	PTA Summer Picnic
9 th July	2.30pm Rock Steady Concert (please note change of date)
10 th July	9am Y2 service Y1 trip to Weston-Super-Mare (re-scheduled date)
9 th -11 th July	Y6 Residential trip
15 th July	Y6 performance 2pm & 5.30pm – ticket information to follow
18 th July	Last day of school – finish normal time – Summer Holiday

	Y6 leavers' service 2pm in the hall
21 st July	INSET day – no school for children

Staffing News

A message from Mrs Whybrow

After nine wonderful years at Christ Church, I will be leaving at the end of this academic year to spend more time supporting my family. During my time here, I've been fortunate to work in a variety of roles, including Teaching Partner, Pastoral Support, and School Governor. I have truly enjoyed every aspect of my journey and feel grateful for the opportunity to grow and deepen my understanding of primary education. I feel incredibly privileged to have worked alongside such a dedicated Senior Leadership Team, as well as so many amazing teachers, teaching partners, support staff and office team. I will miss them all hugely. Most of all, I've loved building relationships with the wonderful children at Christ Church. Being able to positively impact a child's life has been one of the most rewarding parts of my role. Over the years, the children have taught me just as much as I've hoped to offer them.

I'm pleased to share that Mrs. Vikki Pickering has been appointed as the new Pastoral Lead. She will begin meeting with the children over the coming weeks. I would like to give her a warm welcome —I hope her experience at Christ Church is as joyful and fulfilling as mine has been.

We will all miss Mrs Whybrow so much. The support given to children has been incredible and we have been so lucky to have her as our pastoral lead.

Gloucester Rugby trip



Year 6

Y6 were very fortunate to receive a transition booklet from Christ Church. Maureen from the church came in to deliver these and to give the children some top tips for their upcoming move to secondary school. The children also learnt how to do up a tie 🧑🏻🎓



Year 2 Sandfields Care Home Visit

Year 2 visited a local care home this week to build relationships with “adopted grandparents” as part of their Action Project for their Young Leader Award.

The children brought work to share with them, they talked to them and did sewing with them.

Next week, they decided to design and make some cushions to sew and gift to the residents. The children absolutely loved making a difference to others and the care home staff commented how important this was to the elderly people and how they brightened up their day. Thank you again to the parents who gave up their time to accompany us.

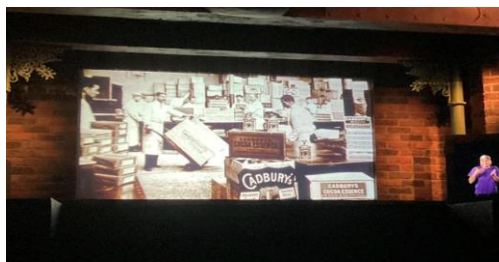


Year 5

Year 5 had a fantastic introduction to their new history topic at Cadbury World on Wednesday. The children took part in a workshop where they learnt about the ancient Maya civilisation. They got to look at a replica of an ancient codices which showed how the Maya wrote using symbols and pictures before learning about how they cultivated cacao trees in order to harvest the pods and beans, both to make a cocoa drink and to use as currency.

They then got to experience the jungle exhibit to see how the Maya lived before exploring the history and development of Cadbury's chocolate.

They did of course get plenty of chocolate to enjoy as well!

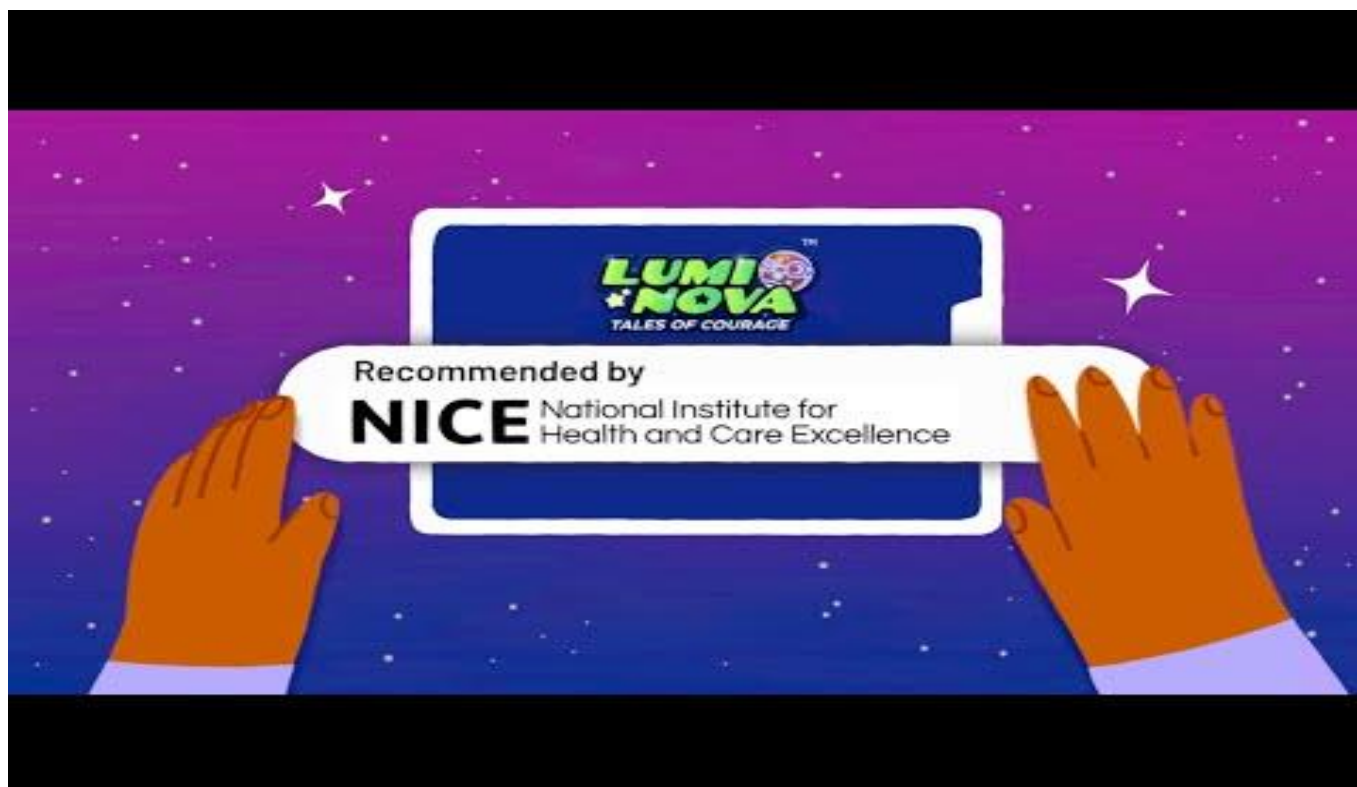


Lumi Nova

On Tuesday this week Mrs Pendlebury joined the leads from the ever expanding "Lumi Nova"

For those of you who may be interested, this is a digital therapeutic tool and is a great as a first line treatment for mild to moderate worries with children. The program has been designed for 7-12 year old.

To learn more please follow this link for a brief introduction <https://youtu.be/mmgrU4zXU3M>



In May this year a record breaking 225 families signed up for the program. Please do follow the link-less than 3 minutes!

Below are the 10 most popular goals that have been selected by parents from across Gloucestershire that they would like to work on with their children.

Most Common Goals Selected



Goal Name	Glos %	National Average (same time period)
1. Make a mistake on school work or a test	18.26%	16.82%
2. Feel comfortable going to school	13.18%	13.45%
3. Be comfortable speaking in front of a group	10.39%	9.67%
4. Be able to sleep on their own	9.55%	8.62%
5. Be able to spend time in the dark	8.28%	7.08%
6. Feel comfortable visiting a busy or crowded place	8.19%	8.71%
7. Try to make a new friend	7.07%	8.09%
8. Be able to sleep away from home overnight	5.27%	5.56%
9. Feel comfortable going to a party or social gathering	4.40%	5.37%
10. Be comfortable staying at home without their guardian	4.19%	4.45%

Source: VitaMind Hub data Oct 13th 2023 - 30th Nov 2024



Parent/Carer Feedback



Lots more confidence trying new things. If she does start to get anxious, we talk about it as part of the game and she calms down much faster now.

Parent In Gloucestershire



He now understands that worries are not always real.

Parent In Gloucestershire



The game made it much easier to talk generally about things she was worried about - especially things related to school. There has definitely been a positive change in her attitude to things in general!

Parent In Gloucestershire



They become quite proud when talking about doing activities in the game. They want to do it after school and it seems to calm them down.

Parent In Gloucestershire



It calms him down when using the app and it becomes easier to talk to him about how he is feeling.

Parent In Gloucestershire



If you have already signed up, Mrs Pendlebury would love to hear from you!

Year 4

A wonderful fieldwork trip on habitats to Robinswood Hill scavenger hunt, pond dipping and classification of wildlife.

Year 4 were superbly led by Jennie from Gloucestershire Wildlife trust who we impressed with our enthusiasm for wildlife and learning more about habitats.



Attendance

Importance of Attendance: Summer Term 2

Research commissioned by the Department for Education, shows missing school for even a day can mean a child is less likely to achieve good grades, which can have a damaging effect on their life chances. Think about these questions:

1. If my child has time off at primary school, does it make that much difference?
2. They can catch up eventually, can't they?
3. So a couple of days off isn't that much work missed, is it?
 - If your child misses school, they miss lessons which may not be repeated. Being absent from school makes it hard to catch up with missed work and effects how well children do.

How much lesson time do they miss when they are off?

- Half day absent = 3 hours of lessons missed.
- 1 day absent = 5 hours of lessons missed.
- 3 days absent = 15 hours of lessons missed.
- 1 week absent = 25 hours of lessons missed.
- 2 weeks absent = 50 hours of lessons missed.

The possible impact for your child.

- They might feel a bit left out.
- They may not know how to do the work.
- They may fall behind and find it difficult to catch up.
- They may have to make friends again.

Internet Safety

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform. Its colourful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and it offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS



YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

BE WARY OF ADVERTISING



Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features persuasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE



YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED



YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.

AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION



There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading "scientific" videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.

DATA COLLECTION RISK



While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS



YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.

SET TIME LIMITS



The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

CHECK WATCH HISTORY



YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.

WATCH TOGETHER



It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.

Meet Our Expert



Carly Page is an experienced journalist with more than 10 years of experience covering the technology industry. Previously a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly is now a freelance journalist, editor, and copywriter. Her bylines include Forbes, TechRadar, Tes, The Inquirer, The Metro, Uswitch, and iStock.



Source: See full reference list on guide page at <https://thenationalcollege.com/guides/youtube-kids-2025>

Christ Church Primary School PTA
presents...

SUMMER DISCO

Friday 27th June 2025

Infants: 4.45pm -5.45pm
Juniors: 6pm -7pm

£3 per child including drink
£6 for 2+ siblings

*Face painting - drinks & snacks - music
hair accessories - slap bands - quiet room*

Phone free disco

Sign up forms in book bags or available
from the school office

Community notices

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are back this
Summer!**

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& claim a
free day

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SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2025

FOOTBALL HOLIDAY COURSES AGES 5 - 12 | BOYS & GIRLS | 9AM TO 3PM

GIRLS ONLY HOLIDAY COURSES AVAILABLE (AGES 6-13)

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!

£14 PER DAY

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What's On This June at The Museum of Gloucester!

Moomin 80: Moomin ABC Exhibition
Open until Sunday 5 October | Tickets from £5

Moomin Tales & Adventure: Storytelling Session with Exhibition Visit
Tuesday 10 June, 11am - 12:30 & 2pm - 3:30pm | £12.50 per child - Adults go free!

Behind The Scenes Tour
Saturday 14 June, 2pm - 3pm | £12.50 per person

Moominmamma's Jam of Kindness - A Moomin Story And Craft Adventure
Saturday 21 June, 10:30am - 12pm | £12.50 per child - Adults go free!

Roman Soldier Tour of Eastgate Chamber
Saturday 21 June, 2pm - 3:30pm | Tickets from £5

MUSEUM OF GLOUCESTER

